

FEB 24 2006

Merchant & Gould  
An Intellectual Property Law FirmMerchant & Gould P.C.  
3200 IDS Center  
80 South Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215

A Professional Corporation

Fax Transmission | February 24, 2006

TO:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450	FROM: Mark T. Skoog OUR REF: 163.1438US01 TELEPHONE: 612.332.5300
--	---

Total pages, including cover letter: 3

PTO FAX NUMBER 1-571-273-8300

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.332.5300, or fax us at 612.332.9081.

Title of Document Transmitted: COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCEApplicant: WEI ET AL.Serial No.: 09/905,189Filed: JULY 13, 2001Group Art Unit: 1616Our Ref. No. 163.1438US01Confirmation No. 3059

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: Mark T. SkoogName: Mark T. SkoogReg. No.: 40,178

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Kay FehlandKay Fehland  
Signature2-24-06

Date

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

S/N 09/905,189

FEB 24 2006

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	WEI ET AL.	Examiner:	J. PAK
Serial No.:	09/905,189	Group Art Unit:	1616
Filed:	JULY 13, 2001	Docket No.:	163.1438US01
Date of Notice of Allowance:	January 9, 2006	Confirmation No.:	3059

Title: *IN SITU MONO- OR DIESTER DICARBOXYLATE COMPOSITIONS*CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on

*2-24-06*By: *Kay Fahlund*  
Name: Kay FahlundCOMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MS ISSUE FEE  
Commission for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 4-7, 16-20, 24-30, 33, and 35-47 in the subject application by the Examiner with appreciation. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the effort put into the Examiner's Amendment.

The Examiner's Amendment amends claim 18. Applicants believe that this amendment is intended to refer to claim 19. The word "phosphonate" is in line 1 of claim 19, but not of claim 18.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record.

Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting

a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

Applicants further point out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that the claims 1, 4-7, 16-20, 24-30, 33, and 35-47 are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the Applicants' specification. In addition, structures that perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve substantially the same results in a 1, 4-7, 16-20, 24-30, 33, and 35-47 are included within the scope of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Date: Feb 24, 2006

  
Mark T. Skoog  
Reg. No. 40,178

MTS:kf

23552  
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE